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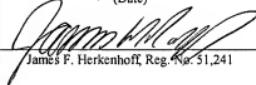
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continuing Examination filed herewith and in response to the Final Office Action issued January 16, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application. Changes to the pending claims have been identified with underlining to indicate insertions and by strikethrough or brackets to indicate deletions.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.